

# THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

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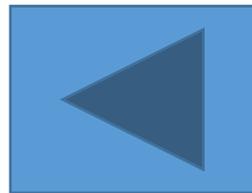
# INTRODUCTION



- One of the greatest men in history has to be the patriarch Abraham...
- Three religions look to him as their spiritual progenitor (Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
- Christians view him as "the father of all them that believe"
  - [Romans 4:11](#)
- What is most noteworthy about Abraham was his faith...
- Paul made reference to his faith time and again
  - [Romans 4:3,9,11,16-22;](#)
  - [Galatians 3:7-9](#)
- James used his example to illustrate saving faith
  - [James 2:21-23](#)
- Both Paul and James make reference to the following OT statement about Abraham's faith:
  - **"And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."**
    - [Genesis 15:6](#)
    - [Romans 4:3](#)
    - [James 2:23](#)
- What was it about Abraham's faith that so pleased God?
- Do we have the same kind of faith? Let's take a closer look at **"The Faith of Abraham"**

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- <sup>11</sup> And he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith<sup>[a]</sup> while still uncircumcised. This was to make him the father of all who believe but are not circumcised, so that righteousness may be credited to them also.



## [Romans 4:3,9,11,16-22](#)

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### **Romans 4:9 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

#### **Abraham Justified before Circumcision**

- <sup>9</sup> Is this blessing only for the circumcised, then? Or is it also for the uncircumcised? For we say, Faith was credited to Abraham for righteousness. <sup>[a]</sup>

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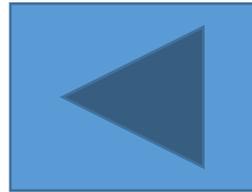
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### **Romans 4:16-22 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>16</sup> This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants—not only to those who are of the law <sup>[a]</sup> but also to those who are of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all <sup>17</sup> in God's sight. As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations. <sup>[b]</sup> He believed in God, who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations <sup>[c]</sup> according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be. <sup>[d]</sup> <sup>19</sup> He considered <sup>[e]</sup> his own body to be already dead (since he was about 100 years old) and also considered the deadness of Sarah's womb, without weakening in the faith. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness. <sup>[f]</sup>

## Galatians 3:7-9 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>7</sup> then understand that those who have faith are Abraham's sons. <sup>8</sup> Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and told the good news ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>9</sup> So those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith.<sup>[b]</sup>



## James 2:21-23 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

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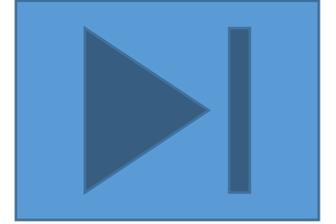
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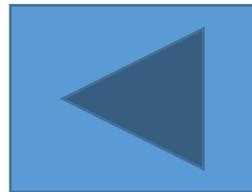
# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS BASED ON REVELATION

- **GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO ABRAHAM...**
  - In Ur of the Chaldees
    - [Acts 7:2-4](#);
    - [Genesis 15:7](#)
  - At Haran of Mesopotamia
    - [Genesis 12:1-4](#)
  - At Shechem in Canaan
    - [Genesis 12:6-7](#)
  - After Lot moved to Sodom
    - [Genesis 13:14-17](#)
  - And many times more
    - [Gen 15:1-17](#); [17:1-27](#); [18:1-33](#); [22:1-19](#)
- **By revealing Himself to Abraham, God provided Abraham ample evidence for him to place his faith and trust in God**



## Acts 7:2-4 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

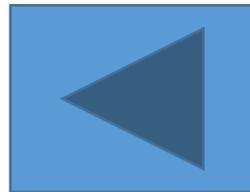
- <sup>2</sup> “Brothers and fathers,” he said, “listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he settled in Haran, <sup>3</sup> and said to him:
- Get out of your country and away from your relatives, and come to the land that I will show you. [\[a\]](#)
- <sup>4</sup> “Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. From there, after his father died, God had him move to this land you now live in.



[Genesis 15:7](#)

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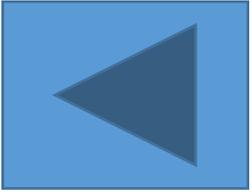
- <sup>7</sup> He also said to him, “I am Yahweh who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.”



## Genesis 12:1-4 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

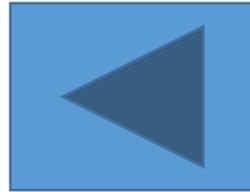
### The Call of Abram

- 12 The LORD said to Abram:
- Go out from your land,  
your relatives,  
and your father's house  
to the land that I will show you.  
<sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation,  
I will bless you,  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
I will curse those who treat you with contempt,  
and all the peoples<sup>[b]</sup> on earth  
will be blessed<sup>[c]</sup> through you.<sup>[d]</sup>
- <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.



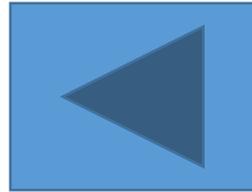
## Genesis 12:6-7 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your offspring.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

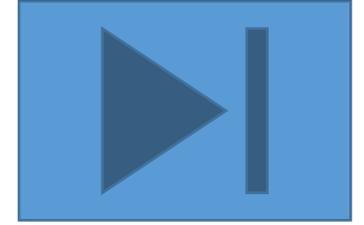


## Genesis 13:14-17 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>14</sup> After Lot had separated from him, the LORD said to Abram, “Look from the place where you are. Look north and south, east and west, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you and your offspring forever all the land that you see. <sup>16</sup> I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust of the earth, then your offspring could be counted. <sup>17</sup> Get up and walk around the land, through its length and width, for I will give it to you.”



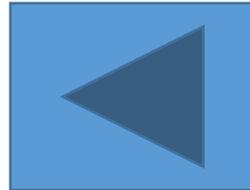
# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS BASED ON REVELATION



- **OUR FAITH MUST BE BASED UPON REVELATION...**
  - Not that God reveals Himself to us as He did to Abraham
  - But faith comes through the Word of God
    - [Romans 10:17](#)
- It contains evidence that we might believe
  - [John 20:30-31](#)
- The more we read, the more God is revealed to us, especially in the person of His Son Jesus Christ!
- **If we desire to have "The Faith of Abraham", we must be receptive to God's revelation of Himself through His Word!**

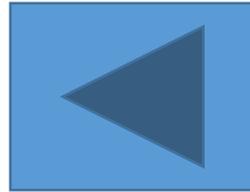
## Romans 10:17 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.<sup>[a]</sup>

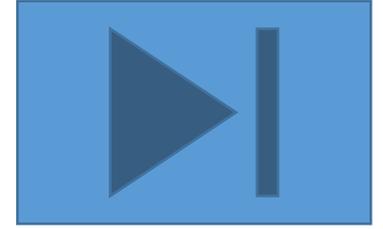


## John 20:30-31 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- **The Purpose of This Gospel**
- <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, [\[a\]](#) and by believing you may have life in His name.



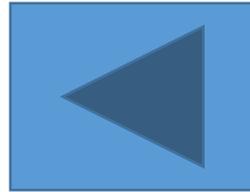
# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS AN OBEDIENT FAITH



- **BY FAITH, ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD...**
  - He left his country
    - [Hebrews 11:8](#)
  - He sojourned in a foreign land
    - [Hebrews 11:9-10](#)
  - He offered his son Isaac
    - [Hebrews 11:17](#)
    - [James 2:21-24](#)
- **Abraham's faith was not a dead faith, but a dynamic faith expressing itself in obedience!**
  - [James 2:20,26](#)

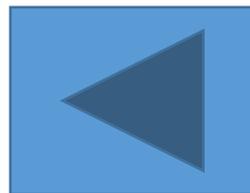
## Hebrews 11:8 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going.



## Hebrews 11:9-10 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

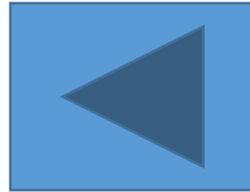
- <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.



## Hebrews 11:17

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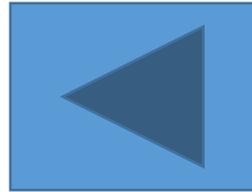
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## James 2:21-24

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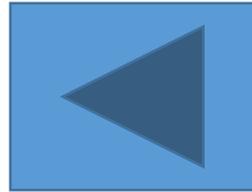
## [James 2:20,26](#)

### **James 2:20 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>20</sup> Foolish man! Are you willing to learn that faith without works is useless?

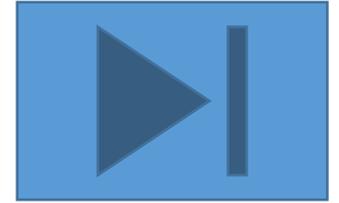
### **James 2:26 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.



# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS AN OBEDIENT FAITH

- **BY FAITH, WE MUST OBEY GOD...**
  - For the gospel calls for "obedience to the faith"
    - [Romans 1:5; 16:25-26](#)
  - We must "obey from the heart" the doctrine of Christ
    - [Romans 6:17](#)
  - Woe to those who do not "obey the gospel"
    - [2 Thessalonians 1:7-9](#)
    - [1 Peter 4:17](#)
- **If we desire to have "The Faith of Abraham", we must have a faith that "works through love"**
  - [Galatians 5:6](#)
- While works are an essential element of a saving faith, it is crucial to note that it is the faith behind the works that pleases God (and not the works per se)!  
**Therefore, we must remember that:**



[Romans 1:5](#); [16:25-26](#)

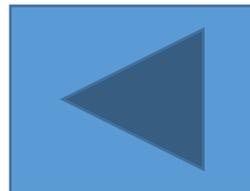
## Romans 1:5 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>5</sup> We have received grace and apostleship through Him to bring about<sup>[a]</sup> the obedience of faith<sup>[b]</sup> among all the nations,<sup>[c]</sup> on behalf of His name,

## Romans 16:25-26 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

### • **Glory to God**

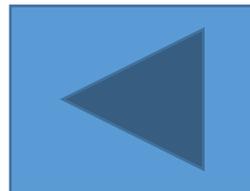
- <sup>25</sup> Now to Him who has power to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation about Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept silent for long ages <sup>26</sup> but now revealed and made known through the prophetic Scriptures, according to the command of the eternal God to advance the obedience of faith<sup>[a]</sup> among all nations—



## Romans 6:17

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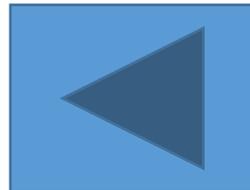
- <sup>17</sup> But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching you were transferred<sup>[a]</sup> to,



## [2 Thessalonians 1:7-9](#)

### **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

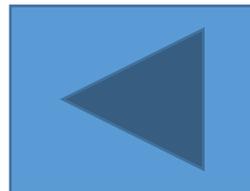
- <sup>7</sup> and to reward with rest you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, <sup>8</sup> taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from His glorious strength



## 1 Peter 4:17

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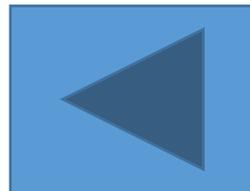
- <sup>17</sup> For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God?



## Galatians 5:6

### **Galatians 5:6 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplishes anything; what matters is faith working through love.



# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS A TRUSTING FAITH

- **ABRAHAM TRUSTED IN GOD, NOT HIS WORKS...**

- Return to our text, and note what is said

- [Genesis 15:6](#)

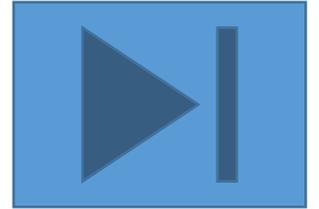
- Abraham believed in the Lord
- "It" (his faith) was reckoned or considered for righteousness
- It was Abraham's faith in God that greatly pleased God. Paul stresses this point in his epistle to the Romans

- [Romans 4:1-3](#)

- Abraham was not justified because of his works
- Abraham was justified (declared blameless) because of his
- faith!

- **Though he had a faith that works, he did not trust in his works; rather in God who justifies the ungodly**

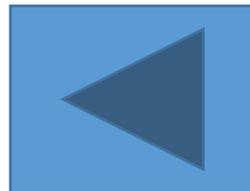
- [Romans 4:5-8](#)



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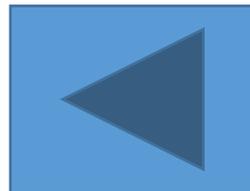
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## Romans 4:1-3 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- **Abraham Justified by Faith**

- 4 What then can we say that Abraham, our physical ancestor,<sup>[a]</sup> has found? <sup>2</sup> If Abraham was justified<sup>[b]</sup> by works, he has something to brag about—but not before God.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say?
- Abraham believed God,  
and it was credited to him for righteousness.<sup>[d]</sup>



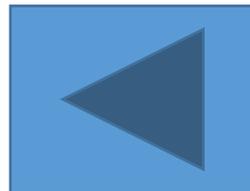
## [Romans 4:5-8](#)

### **Romans 4:5-8 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>5</sup> But to the one who does not work, but believes on Him who declares the ungodly to be righteous,<sup>[a]</sup> his faith is credited for righteousness.

### **David Celebrating the Same Truth**

- <sup>6</sup> Likewise, David also speaks of the blessing of the man God credits righteousness to apart from works:
- <sup>7</sup> How joyful are those whose lawless acts are forgiven and whose sins are covered!
- <sup>8</sup> How joyful is the man the Lord will never charge with sin!<sup>[b]</sup>



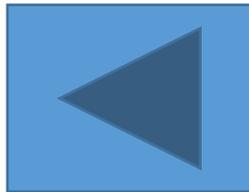
# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS A TRUSTING FAITH



- **WE MUST TRUST IN JESUS, NOT OUR WORKS...**
  - As noted before, we must obey God which involves certain "works"
    - Such as faith, which is a "work"
      - [John 6:28,29](#)
    - Even baptism, which is more a work of God than a work of man
      - [Colossians 2:12-13](#)
  - But when all is done, we must not put our trust in our obedience as though we somehow earned our salvation
  - For Christ taught us to realize we are still unworthy
    - [Luke 17:10](#)
  - **It is the faith or trust in Jesus prompting us to obey that pleases God, not some meritorious value of the work done to receive God's grace!**
- **So "The Faith of Abraham" was an obedient faith that placed its trust in God who justifies the ungodly. To be "the sons of Abraham", we must have the same kind of faith.**

## John 6:28-29 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

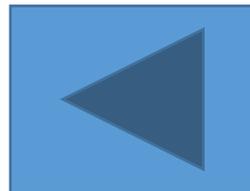
- <sup>28</sup> “What can we do to perform the works of God?” they asked.
- <sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “This is the work of God—that you believe in the One He has sent.”



## [Colossians 2:12-13](#)

### **Colossians 2:12-13 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

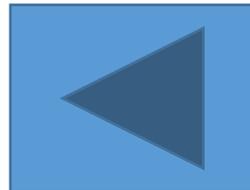
- <sup>12</sup> Having been buried with Him in baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive with Him and forgave us all our trespasses.



## [Luke 17:10](#)

### **Luke 17:10 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>10</sup> In the same way, when you have done all that you were commanded, you should say, ‘We are good-for-nothing slaves; we’ve only done our duty.’”



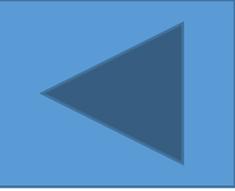
# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS A GROWING FAITH

- **ABRAHAM GREW IN FAITH...**
  - There were times when his faith was weak
  - He had Sarah, his wife, tell a half-truth to save his life
    - [Genesis 12:11-20](#);
    - [Genesis 20:1-18](#)
  - He questioned God when he and Sarah did not have children
    - [Genesis 15:2-3](#)
  - He showed weak faith in the case of Hagar
    - [Genesis 16:1-4](#)
  - He offered an alternative to God when he thought it would be impossible for he and Sarah to have children
    - [Genesis 17:17-18](#)
- But God was patient with Abraham, and his faith grew
  - He had faith, even against hope, and was able to conceive
    - [Romans 4:18-22](#)
  - He had faith that God could raise Isaac from the dead, and so was willing to offer him as commanded
    - [Hebrews 11:17-19](#)
- **"The Faith of Abraham" was not a static faith, but an ever-growing faith that came through being "a friend of God"**
  - [James 2:23](#)



## Genesis 12:11-20 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>11</sup> When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “Look, I know what a beautiful woman you are. <sup>12</sup> When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ They will kill me but let you live. <sup>13</sup> Please say you’re my sister so it will go well for me because of you, and my life will be spared on your account.” <sup>14</sup> When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. <sup>15</sup> Pharaoh’s officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh, so the woman was taken to Pharaoh’s household. <sup>16</sup> He treated Abram well because of her, and Abram acquired flocks and herds, male and female donkeys, male and female slaves, and camels.
- <sup>17</sup> But the LORD struck Pharaoh and his household with severe plagues because of Abram’s wife Sarai. <sup>18</sup> So Pharaoh sent for Abram and said, “What have you done to me? Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife? <sup>19</sup> Why did you say, ‘She’s my sister,’ so that I took her as my wife? Now, here is your wife. Take her and go!” <sup>20</sup> Then Pharaoh gave his men orders about him, and they sent him away with his wife and all he had.



## Genesis 20:1-18

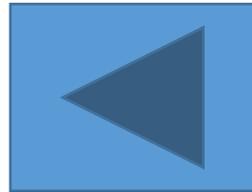
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#### Sarah Rescued from Abimelech

- 20 From there Abraham traveled to the region of the Negev and settled between Kadesh and Shur. While he lived in Gerar, <sup>2</sup> Abraham said about his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” So Abimelech king of Gerar had Sarah brought to him.
- <sup>3</sup> But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “You are about to die because of the woman you have taken, for she is a married woman.”<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>4</sup> Now Abimelech had not approached her, so he said, “Lord, would You destroy a nation even though it is innocent? <sup>5</sup> Didn’t he himself say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ I did this with a clear conscience<sup>[b]</sup> and clean<sup>[c]</sup> hands.”
- <sup>6</sup> Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that you did this with a clear conscience.<sup>[d]</sup> I have also kept you from sinning against Me. Therefore I have not let you touch her. <sup>7</sup> Now return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, know that you will certainly die, you and all who are yours.”
- <sup>8</sup> Early in the morning Abimelech got up, called all his servants together, and personally<sup>[e]</sup> told them all these things, and the men were terrified.
- <sup>9</sup> Then Abimelech called Abraham in and said to him, “What have you done to us? How did I sin against you that you have brought such enormous guilt on me and on my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done.” <sup>10</sup> Abimelech also said to Abraham, “What did you intend when you did this thing?”
- <sup>11</sup> Abraham replied, “I thought, ‘There is absolutely no fear of God in this place. They will kill me because of my wife.’ <sup>12</sup> Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. <sup>13</sup> So when God had me wander from my father’s house, I said to her: Show your loyalty to me wherever we go and say about me: ‘He’s my brother.’”
- <sup>14</sup> Then Abimelech took sheep and cattle and male and female slaves, gave them to Abraham, and returned his wife Sarah to him. <sup>15</sup> Abimelech said, “Look, my land is before you. Settle wherever you want.”<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>16</sup> And he said to Sarah, “Look, I am giving your brother 1,000 pieces of silver. It is a verification of your honor<sup>[g]</sup> to all who are with you. You are fully vindicated.”
- <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female slaves so that they could bear children, <sup>18</sup> for the LORD had completely closed all the wombs in Abimelech’s household on account of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.

## Genesis 15:2-3

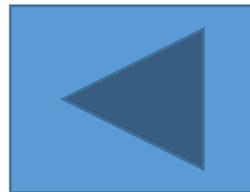
- **Genesis 15:2-3 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**
- <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what can You give me, since I am childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> Abram continued, “Look, You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in<sup>[b]</sup> my house will be my heir.”



## Genesis 16:1-4 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

### Hagar and Ishmael

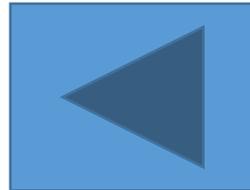
- 16 Abram's wife Sarai had not borne any children for him, but she owned an Egyptian slave named Hagar. <sup>2</sup> Sarai said to Abram, "Since the LORD has prevented me from bearing children, go to my slave; perhaps through her I can build a family." And Abram agreed to what Sarai said. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>3</sup> So Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar, her Egyptian slave, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife for him. This happened after Abram had lived in the land of Canaan 10 years. <sup>4</sup> He slept with <sup>[b]</sup> Hagar, and she became pregnant. When she realized that she was pregnant, she treated her mistress with contempt.



## Genesis 17:17-18

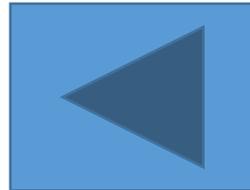
### Genesis 17:17-18 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>17</sup> Abraham fell facedown. Then he laughed and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a hundred-year-old man? Can Sarah, a ninety-year-old woman, give birth?” <sup>18</sup> So Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael were acceptable to You!”<sup>[a]</sup>



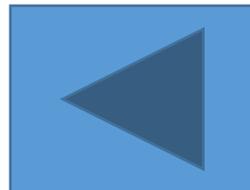
## Romans 4:18-22 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>18</sup> He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations<sup>[a]</sup> according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be.<sup>[b]</sup>  
<sup>19</sup> He considered<sup>[c]</sup> his own body to be already dead (since he was about 100 years old) and also considered the deadness of Sarah's womb, without weakening in the faith. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness.<sup>[d]</sup>



## Hebrews 11:17-19 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

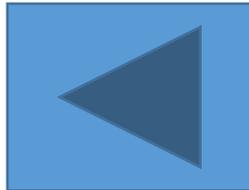
- <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He received the promises and he was offering his unique son, <sup>18</sup> the one it had been said about, Your seed will be traced<sup>[a]</sup> through Isaac.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>19</sup> He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead, and as an illustration,<sup>[c]</sup> he received him back.



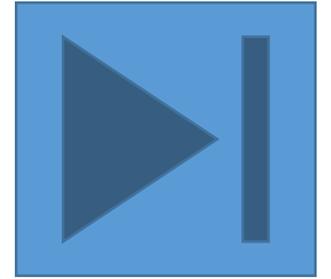
## James 2:23

### James 2:23 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

- <sup>23</sup> So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness,<sup>[a]</sup> and he was called God's friend.



# ABRAHAM'S FAITH WAS A GROWING FAITH

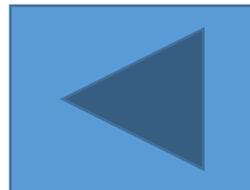


- **WE MUST GROW IN FAITH...**
  - Just as the apostles of Christ did...
  - From men with little faith and easily afraid
    - [Matthew 8:25-26](#);
    - [Matthew 14:31](#)
  - To men of great boldness
    - [Acts 4:13](#)
  - Like the Thessalonians
    - [2 Thessalonians 1:3](#)
  - Their faith was growing exceedingly
  - Our faith needs to grow likewise
- **Our faith will grow, if we are willing to "walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had"**
  - [Romans 4:12](#)

## [Matthew 8:25-26](#)

- **Matthew 8:25-26** Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

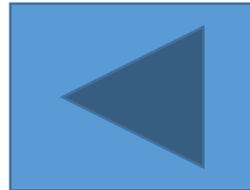
- <sup>25</sup> So the disciples came and woke Him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to die!”
- <sup>26</sup> But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, you of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm.



## [Matthew 14:31](#)

### **Matthew 14:31 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out His hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

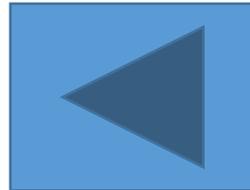


## [Acts 4:13](#)

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#### The Name Forbidden

- <sup>13</sup> When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.

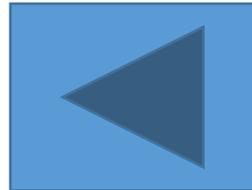


## 2 Thessalonians 1:3

### 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

#### God's Judgment and Glory

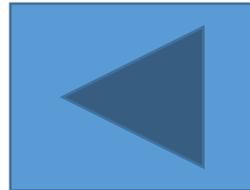
- <sup>3</sup> We must always thank God for you, brothers. This is right, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing.



## [Romans 4:12](#)

### **Romans 4:12 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>12</sup> And he became the father of the circumcised, who are not only circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith our father Abraham had while he was still uncircumcised.



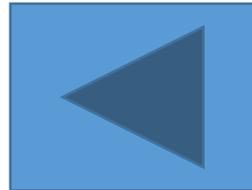
# CONCLUSION

- We have seen that **"The Faith of Abraham"** was...
  - Based upon revelation
  - An obedient faith
  - A trusting faith
  - A growing faith
- Why do we need this same kind of faith...?
  - Because "those who are of faith are the sons of Abraham"
    - [Galatians 3:7](#)
  - Because "those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham"
    - [Galatians 3:9](#)
- Indeed, those who have **"The Faith Of Abraham"** are truly the recipients of the promise made to Abraham:
  - **"In your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."**
    - [Genesis 18:18](#)

## [Galatians 3:7](#)

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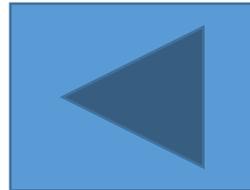
- <sup>7</sup> then understand that those who have faith are Abraham's sons.



## [Galatians 3:9](#)

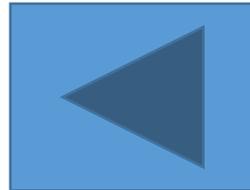
### **Galatians 3:9 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)**

- <sup>9</sup> So those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith. [\[a\]](#)



## Genesis 18:18

- **Genesis 18:18** Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)
- <sup>18</sup> Abraham is to become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.



# CONCLUSION

- By walking in the same manner and faith demonstrated by Abraham, we are grafted in and adopted into the covenant blessings forged between Abraham and God through the saving work done by our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- Are we walking in the steps of the faith of Abraham, obeying the Word of God given today through the gospel of Christ, even as he obeyed the word given to him?
- **That is what we are called into obedience to do.....**